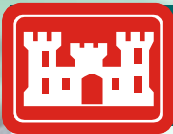


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U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND WATERFRONT REVITALIZATION

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USACE: Supporting National Security, the Economy, and the Environment



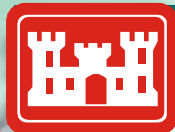


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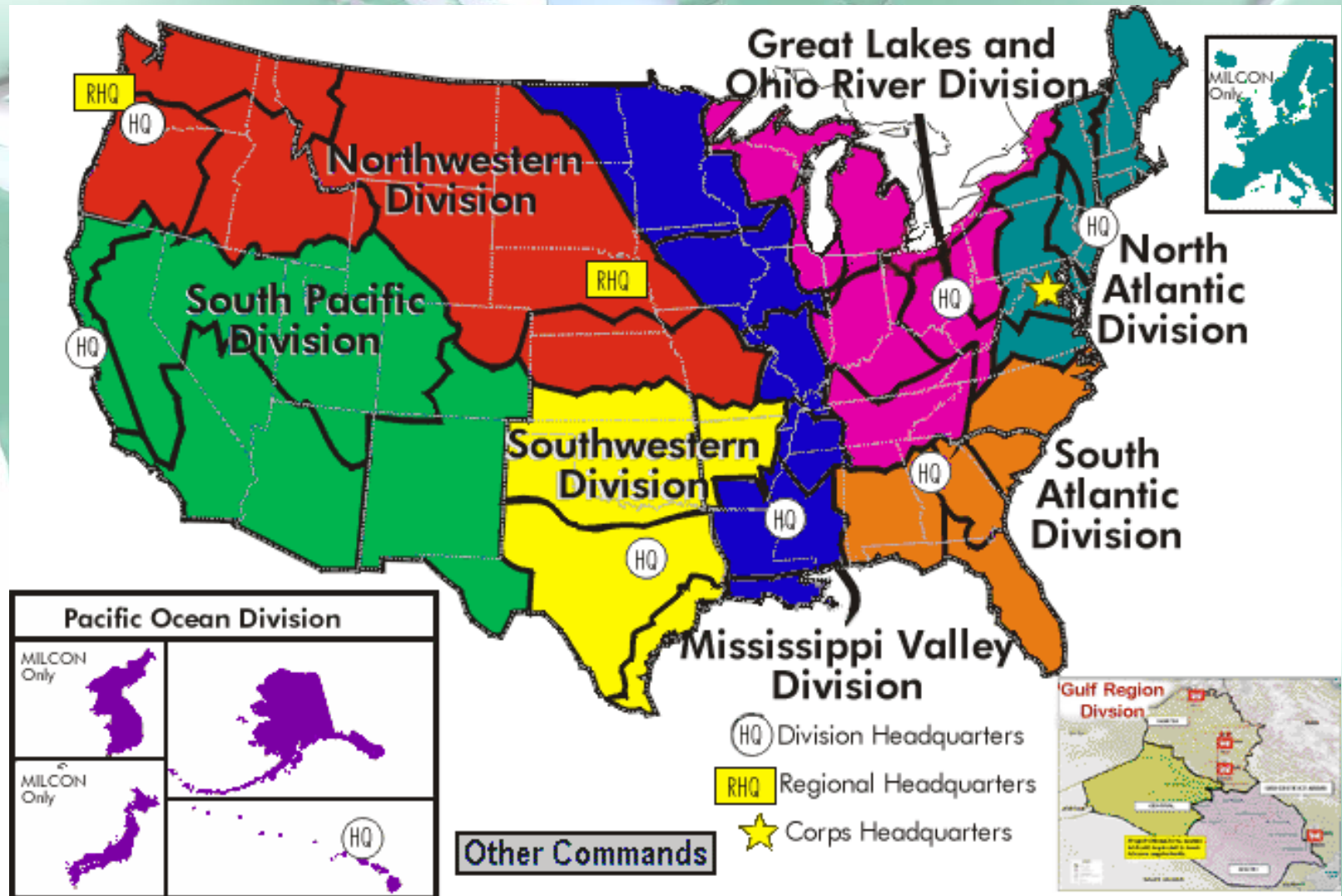
PRIORITY #1: Support to the Global War on Terror

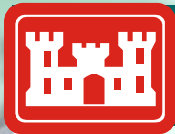
- War on Terror;
- Homeland Security (including FEMA);
- Water Resources mgmt
(to include navigation, flood damage prevention & restoration)





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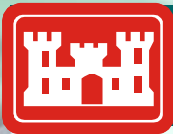
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Implementation of Civil Works Strategic Plan



http://www.usace.army.mil/civilworks/hot_topics/cw_strat.pdf



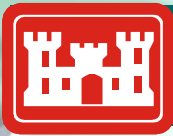
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View of Portfields Initiative

**The Portfields Initiative is:
an opportunity to leverage Corps authorities
through interagency efforts aimed at
sustainably revitalizing degraded or
underutilized waterfront areas.**

**"America and the world share this
common goal: we must foster
economic growth in ways that protect
our environment..."**

**-- President George W. Bush
Speaking to the National Oceanic and
Atmospheric Administration**

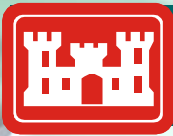


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Corps Technical Support - New Bedford Portfield

NB Portfield Pilot is in the initial stage of coordination effort (kick-off meeting held 7 April 04). Anticipated Corps Role Includes:

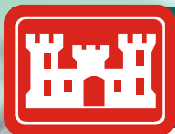
- **Navigational Dredging (O&M)**
- **Environmental Dredging (Sec 312)**
- **Environmental Restoration (Coastal Habitat)**
- **Streamlined Permitting Process for Portfield Projects**



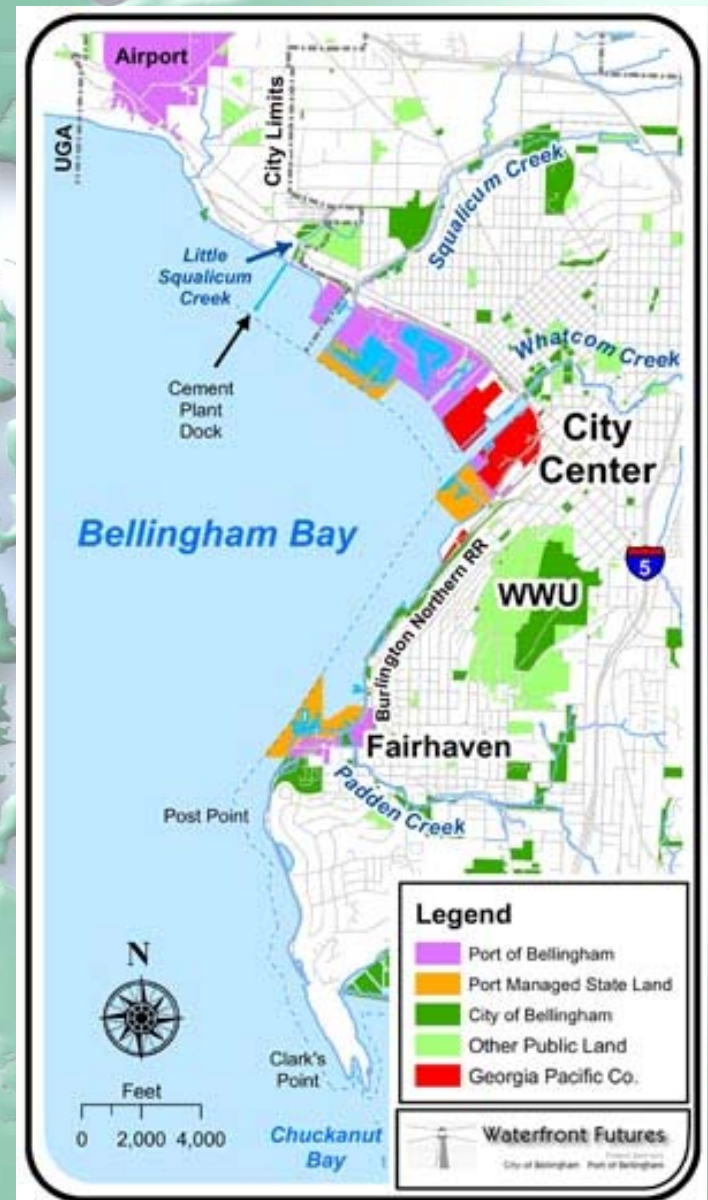
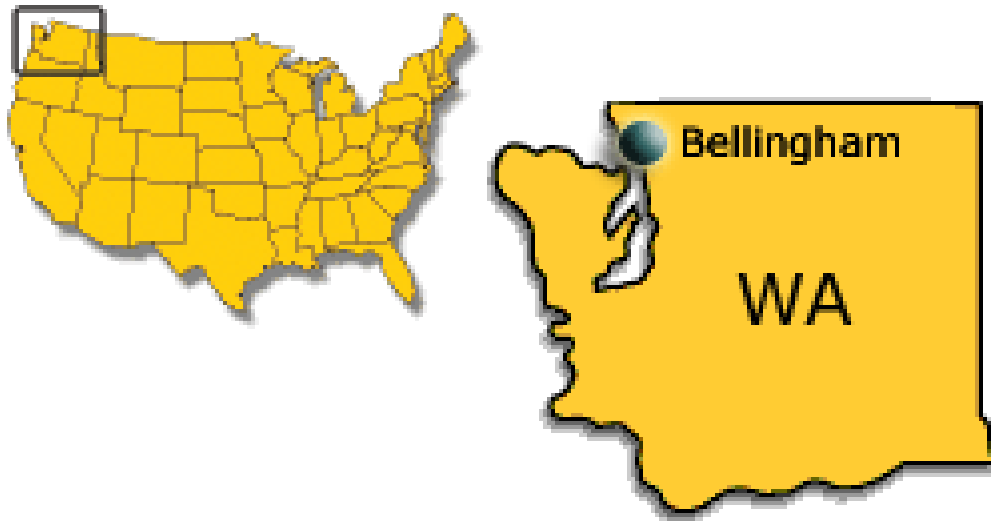
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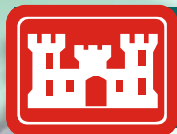
Corps Technical Support - Tampa Portfield

- Project planning
- Design & construction
- Ecosystem Restoration
- Permitting
- Navigational Dredging & Dredge material disposal
- Wave Energy Impact Modeling
- Removal of terrestrial Invasive plant species



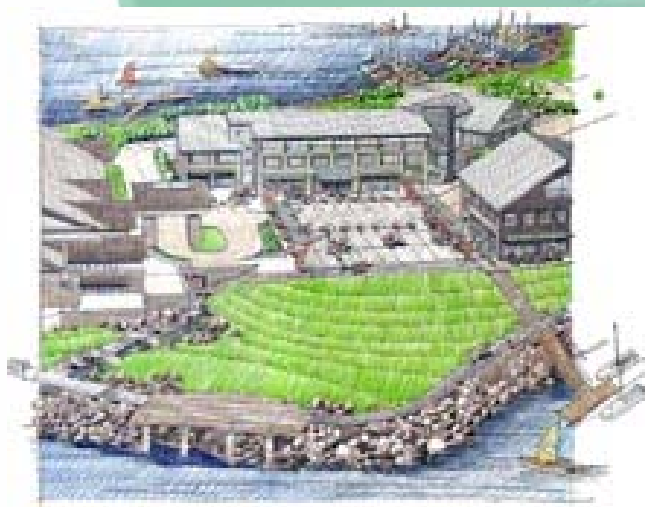
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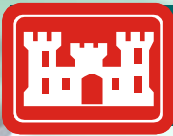




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Potential Corps Support - Bellingham Portfield

Project planning

Design & construction

Ecosystem Restoration

Permitting

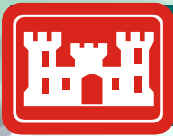
**Navigational Dredging & Dredge material
disposal (§204 WRDA 92 & §312 WRDA 90)**

Potential funding sources:

Puget Sound and Adjacent Waters

Restoration Funding (§544 WRDA 2000)

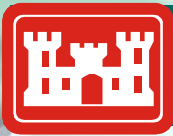
**FY06 Section 206 or 1135 projects (possible
Congressional Add)**



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Achievements

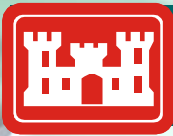
- **Coordination More Efficient and Effective**
“One Door to Federal Portfields Support”
Established
Each Agency’s Efforts Better Leveraged
- **Focused the Portfields Team on a Few Priorities**
that are Implement-able
- **Better Aligned Federal Support With Portfields**
Priorities



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Corps Portfields Challenges

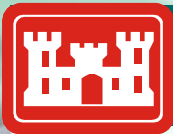
- **Improve Stakeholders' Understanding of Congressional Authorization & Appropriation Processes**
 - Reduce Stakeholder Frustration
- **Improve the Strategic Focus of the Portfield Priorities so Efforts Don't Become "Projects-Are-Us"**
- **Help Portfield Communities Think Regionally**
- **Improve Responsiveness to Stakeholders**
- **Better Leverage our Technology**



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Lesson Learned - Communicate Better

- **Incorporate Communication into the Portfields Business Process.**
- **Be Accessible to our partners.**
- **Listen to all the Stakeholders Regarding Issues of Importance to them; Respect their Viewpoints; Seek Opportunities for Synergy.**
- **Communicate Early, Often, Clearly, Completely, Honestly.**



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Issues That Make The Case For Portfields Initiative

- **Need for expanding understanding of the value of SUSTAINABLE port fields development to include economic/environmental & social elements.**
- **Need for expanding sources for portfields revitalization financing and revenues,**
- **Need for more efficient coordination of efforts, e.g., coordinating dredging and dredged material disposal with environmental considerations**
- **Coordinating resources for intermodal transportation in and around portfields.**
- **Enhancing community connection and access to waterfronts.**